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***Lord Grizzly* topic of next history book club meeting**

PIERRE, S.D. -- Eating grub worms and crawling around the back yard as though he had a broken leg are a few of the things Freya Manfred recalls her father doing as he wrote *Lord Grizzly*.

Freya Manfred will talk about her father, Frederick Manfred, and one of his best-known novels, *Lord Grizzly*, as the guest speaker at the June History and Heritage Book Club meeting.

The book club meeting will begin at 7 p.m. CDT on Monday, June 4, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Everyone is welcome to attend the free program, which is made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"Much of my talk will actually be my father talking, through me," Freya Manfred said. "I plan to read from some fascinating letters he wrote during the conception, writing and publication of *Lord Grizzly*. It will be the first public reading of these letters, though they were published by Nebraska Press years ago."

"Those attending will hear about a novelist, Frederick Manfred, who comes from their land, and from a poet, Freya Manfred, who also comes from the Upper Midlands. We hope people will gain a sense of what a fine novelist Frederick Manfred was and have a desire to read more of his work in this, the 100th anniversary of Frederick Manfred's birth," said Patricia Miller, president of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

The foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The foundation and SDSHS Press co-sponsor the History and Heritage Book Club.

Freya Manfred is one of three children of Frederick and Maryanna Shorba Manfred. She lives near Hudson, Wis., and has seven published books of poetry. Her memoir of her father's final days, *Frederick Manfred: A Daughter Remembers*, was nominated for a Minnesota Book Award and an Iowa Historical Society Award. She will be available at the Cultural Heritage Center to autograph books before and after the program.

Frederick Manfred was born on Jan. 6, 1912, in Doon, Iowa. He moved to Luverne, Minn., in 1960 and died there in 1994. Many of the books he wrote are about an area he called Siouxland, where Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska meet.

*Lord Grizzly* was published in 1954. It tells the tale of Hugh Glass, a mountain man who was mauled by a grizzly bear and left for dead near present-day Lemmon in 1823. Glass's desire for revenge against the men who abandoned him drove him to crawl

much of the way on a 200-mile journey to Fort Kiowa, located about four miles from present-day Chamberlain.

“The appeal of the book is that my father was an irresistible storyteller. His writing pulls you into the page,” Freya Manfred said. “Also, it’s about a fascinating heroic character.”

*Lord Grizzly* is available at the Heritage Stores at the Cultural Heritage Center and the Capitol. Book club members receive a 10-percent discount and SDSHS members receive an additional discount when they purchase the book at either Heritage Store. For more information about the History and Heritage Book Club, please call (605) 773-6006.

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